GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:69
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2015
Ban on Import of Steel
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) whether indigenous Steel manufacturers have requested the Government to impose a ban on poor quality of Steel imported from China and Korea;

b) if so, the details thereof along with total quantum of Steel imported and the expenditure incurred thereon;

c) the total loss suffered from the import of poor quality of Steel and the measures taken by the Government to provide good quality of Steel to the domestic Steel manufacturers; and

d) whether any decision has been taken by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a) & (b): Indigenous steel manufacturers and their associations have requested the Government to notify several steel products, having direct bearing on human health and / or critical to safety and security of construction, housing and infrastructure, under the Mandatory Quality Certification Mark Scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to prohibit import of sub − standard steel products. Import of steel during the last three years and the current year is tabulated as below. Country-wise data (China and Korea) is annexed as at Annexure I and II.
Import of Iron and Steel (Ch-72) of ITC(HS) from China and Korea and the rest of the world
Quantity in Ton / Value in Million USD

COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (Apr. to Sept.)
qty val qty val qty val qty val
CHINA P RP 1770193 1495.33 1120649 976.29 3756649 2713.35 1842450 1116.16
KOREA RP 1858259 1744.12 1539746 1414.33 2240827 1818.87 1684414 1002.66
Others 14819136 10376.08 8920721 6719.23 10653873 7809.81 6332018 3787.27
Grand total 18447588 13615.53 11581116 9109.85 16651349 12342.03 9858881 5906.09
Note: Figures for 2015-16(Apr. to Sep.) is provisional.

(c) & (d): The Government does not maintain import data based on the quality of Steel. The Government reviews the data on import of steel including import of seconds and defective quality steel from time to time and takes necessary measures to make quality steel available to the consumers. The Government has already issued two Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Orders in March, 2012 thereby notifying 16 steel products under the Mandatory Quality Certification Mark Scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards. Notifications of steel products under this scheme to protect interests of the domestic steel producers & consumers are taken as per need.

Further, the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance vide its Notification No.28/2015 -Customs (ADD) dated 05.06.2015 has imposed anti − dumping duty on import of Hot Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel of 304 Grade from China, Korea RP and Malaysia.
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Annexure-I
Import of Iron and Steel from CHINA during last three years and current year (up to September2015)

:QTY in KG
:Values in US $
itchs 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr to September)
qty val qty val qty val qty val
7201 13653 17253 110 98
7202 32273796 58806337 24067737 46079716 35696848 87773500 17373731 33002691
7203 1055 618 80 97
7204 1573362 1100108 1387239 505226 701854 599133 198000 100521
7205 5412922 7668592 4913743 6893981 5774410 8687315 3933992 4049366
7206 29725 23306 29233 41075 23868 24468 1141 1896
7207 588758 594031 590163 1097859 11755537 6187167 756280 733552
7208 118008093 81589574 105517320 62901555 258502264 150696929 125703726 57763716
7209 235686052 159545617 27422963 20092602 191739695 120634786 65592317 32496262

7210 107154027 86104044 93883866 71609832 257026394 186559484 299201639 176483409
7211 2539962 3778215 2309889 3113954 2442429 3111194 1144255 1283811
7212 9015750 9382243 8975195 10206698 9271327 10899749 5988287 7289722
7213 7998999 5915690 5609145 3332273 17264468 9803137 7339081 3396884
7214 4297906 3461373 3122863 2496867 4624961 3621179 2835042 2076857
7215 1401796 2275452 707163 1036164 766278 894071 566158 473470
7216 1231147 1444762 1215938 1157152 1416568 1052127 2232499 1569096
7217 67098210 69548307 55870102 59060099 86384868 82620375 58061492 49231691
7218 1421826 3072639 1779377 3168578 1907345 3119783 55928 160297
7219 65900459 164526281 51907799 108482337 95987538 218594454 46336612 95864344
7220 24844282 40853130 59857337 92970631 135614967 192622909 77926568 98180299
7221 1636702 4791039 4686913 11283302 8144588 19125634 774810 1768146
7222 2122692 4576137 4551907 8784689 4023080 9403579 1227794 1985138
7223 1514446 2725320 791665 1943727 1730579 3505178 1340969 2212001
7224 96818533 68692817 19793706 14664034 140726526 83709650 62237638 28521684
7225 716180500 475447501 413198680 248625155 1280696644 803883528 511078027 248703099
7226 11252373 13541771 1785490 3711397 2309096 4572635 3194520 2789829
7227 169750065 116706168 116352223 72541768 769754175 409368455 400779423 171572573
7228 61487263 80549560 88647516 94520200 420025248 275567127 143037876 89618239
7229 22938385 28594200 21674233 25971300 12337623 16714243 3531926 4831023
Total 1770192739 1495332085 1120649405 976292171 3756649368 2713351984 1842449731 1116159616

Note: Figures for 2015-16(Apr to Sep) is provisional.

Annexure- II
Import of Iron and Steel from KOREA during last three years and current year (up to September2015)

:QTY in KG
:Values in US $
itchs 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr to September)
qty val qty val qty val qty val
7201 6625 3419
7202 10235902 28334081 14621987 33233082 19514428 42146332 13518791 23895276
7203 550 1071
7204 31298259 46458695 27610627 38414591 55405350 71239500 61096235 56921545
7205 518005 377320 384500 321095 454000 341455 332000 228907
7206 1058722 919651 48000 146600
7207 88197441 47509250 5663673 4350637 42449442 20679463 33589338 12344675
7208 638708285 461413668 297605615 207134379 880120854 526921621 1015804654 443057432
7209 552785748 457701243 578857641 434020699 584204719 424037006 218344362 126829869
7210 225855504 282949132 250993190 284624115 269200167 304513892 134616636 141612352
7211 2184419 3520354 2000282 3716592 3127505 5221565 3551038 5014477
7212 8963418 14003843 7191312 9096843 4978129 7539386 2432399 4107230
7213 4775333 4597662 4690600 3729163 19090952 12857771 13061284 7661931
7214 5135032 5247603 7030300 6686022 3080729 2914432 3572638 3261503
7215 2139832 3478713 1370331 2171755 1393640 1632280 771662 759375
7216 1869219 1661314 1608184 1267317 246235 206071 134102 131767
7217 5686898 8379515 5880380 8361529 4018692 6013036 2738056 3418653
7218 103012 347925 4448 29696 1970 20347
7219 45809292 87998714 39531984 65468058 37980469 62732002 15262271 25026286
7220 4429540 14527709 13423901 17634041 3458758 9373718 1974031 5128706
7221 31036 152699 282271 672655 959658 2553992 4515 19758
7222 105385 218629 181593 244628 163479 277318 154305 376306
7223 686242 3107325 679835 3094895 502824 2370354 337917 1591737
7224 1033560 845419 3706160 1769544 16236000 7205032
7225 173383877 204773778 239345966 241274126 239578373 244592865 142494827 117943954
7226 2629606 3993070 2638670 4563498 3925883 7097862 1922468 3287939
7227 30769753 29346628 18655671 17528413 30775877 26872069 10055318 8129910
7228 12739793 20017000 10895537 16198232 13920678 18757829 6362584 8019557
7229 7124856 12235463 4836509 8571543 6038130 10755045 2282384 3892732
Total 1858258519 1744117474 1539745792 1414327167 2240826941 1818872243 1684413815 1002661877

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